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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone continued steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were barely adequate to close for the larger sizes and adequate to ample for lighter weight eggs. Offerings were adequate for heavy breaking stock and about adequate to ample for lighter weighted product. Demand was quiet to moderate. Schedules were noted as normal. Light type fowl were at least adequate to ample for the light to fair at best demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

*Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.*

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good, best into areas running features. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to close for jumbos and extra large, adequate for large, and adequate to ample for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the heavy weight breaking stock and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight product. Demand was quiet. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60
LARGE	53-62	55-58
MEDIUM	31-40	33-36

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	37-45	38-40

Prices paid to producers:

IA-MN-WI	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	33-42	37
MEDIUM	13-19	17
SMALL	9-13	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY & western PA.

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to short for requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to sufficient for a moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal. Spent hen offerings were at least sufficient to ample for the light to fair at best demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	33-46	38-40

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, eastern PA, RI, northern VA, & VT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand ranged from moderate to fairly good in areas running features. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to close for jumbos and extra large, adequate for large, and fully adequate available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate for heavy weight product and adequate to fully adequate for light weight breaking stock. Demand was quiet. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens ranged at least adequate to ample for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.25-71	65-68
LARGE	44.25-69	63-66
MEDIUM	35-42	35-39

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN & southern VA.

**NEW YORK** Prices ended the week unchanged on extra large, large and mediums. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to short for present trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	45-49

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light overall. Offerings mainly adequate. Small benchmark price 56.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	76

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-299
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-195

Prices to consumers major chains, meropolitan area, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
JUMBO	91-109
EXTRA LARGE	89-101
LARGE	87-90
MEDIUM	63-66

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate for heavy breaking stock and fully adequate to ample for lighter weighted product. Demand was quiet. Floor stocks balanced to adequate with more breakers reporting incoming shipments as growing in number. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-31	30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices generally trended higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with traders closely watching further market developments. Demand was moderate but not aggressive. Offerings were about adequate to sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Jul-2006 were 2% lower than the previous week, and 4% less than a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	15-18
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** -W/E 29-Jul-2006  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,301,643	31,416	12,146	6,309	2,994	4,509	
PW	1,322,852	32,357	12,031	6,256	3,209	4,656	
LY	1,306,849	30,618	12,294	6,608	2,994	4,323	
% PW	-2%	-3%	1%	1%	-7%	-3%	
% LY	0%	3%	-1%	-5%	0%	4%	
2006	38,730,897	950,718	364,584	194,919	89,413	130,551	
2005	38,993,208	917,453	387,016	207,516	88,284	132,558	
% YTD	-1%	4%	-6%	-6%	1%	-2%	
					CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					41.78	41.80	41.20
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					38.31	38.28	37.89

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	590,642	45.4%	15,285	48.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	595,973	45.1%	15,507	47.9%
LAST YEAR	523,006	40.0%	13,390	43.7%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/29 was 9% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point  
(cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-48
WHITES	47-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged irregular with whites unchanged. Frozen sugared and salted yolk prices were higher. Trade sentiment was generally steady at current levels for all frozen products. Offerings were usually balanced to available with some reports that freezer stocks were growing thin in a few areas. Demand was somewhat quiet for all products while salted yolk drew the most interest. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	39-44	42-44
WHITES	43-48	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-51	47-49

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, lower on whites, and unchanged to higher on whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonally fair to light. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady on whole and generally steady on balance of items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Jul-2006 were 1% more than the previous week, and unchanged when compared to a year ago; the total to date of liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) was about 3% less than the total a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL  
TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	37-43	39-42	42-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	38-48	40-45	48-55
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-56	51-54	57-66
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-50	46-49	52-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to higher on albumen and yolks, and unchanged to slightly lower on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light. Offerings were in close balanced to sufficient for trade requirements. Undertone ranged from about steady to fully steady on whole, improved and reported as steadier on yolks, and steady to fully steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Jul-2006 were 7% lower than the previous week, and unchanged when compared to a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced was 1% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.26-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.49
YOLKS	1.13-1.45	MOSTLY	1.15-1.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.25	MOSTLY	2.97-3.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.13-1.35	MOSTLY	1.22-1.35

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 30 to 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for yolk. Demand was quiet for whole egg, fair to fairly good for whites, and reported as improving, rated as light to good, for yolk. Most potential spot buyers of liquid products were taking a wait and see approach to the markets. Offerings were usually adequate for whole egg and whites, and closely balanced to adequate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	32	23-28	23.68	.52
WHITES	18	27-30	27.44	.25
YOLKS	11	30.5-32.5	31.23	-.46

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES\*** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 28, 2006-AUG 03, 2006

**CURRENT LOADS 129.75 FUTURE LOADS 37.25 TOTAL LOADS 167.00**

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	37.50	--	38.30	42.08	--	--	13.00	GL W J	76.75	--	--	--	--	84.75	.75
GNR BR 1	--	39.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	65.25	--	68.86	9.75
GL W XL	--	60.00	54.25	57.99	53.65	--	40.00	GL W LG	--	58.29	--	62.42	--	60.08	55.75
GL W LG	--	58.00	42.93	47.00	47.55	--	64.00	GL W MD	25.15	--	--	34.80	27.00	34.10	12.25
GL W MD	--	--	29.20	33.00	24.00	25.41	14.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	66.00	44.00	47.00	3.00
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	24.11	27.00	18.50	20.50	9.00	NRBS - 39	21.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	52.00	46.00	39.00	75.50	.75								
GL BR LG	--	--	50.00	--	--	73.50	1.25								
GL BR MD	--	--	35.00	--	--	38.00	1.00								
NRBS - 48	24.75	26.00	--	--	29.20	31.61	30.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	21.00	24.00	--	30.20	28.50								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	25.50	25.36	14.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	17.00	20.00	22.00	25.00	4.75								

\*Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included.

Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS  
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the at least adequate to ample offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Trading was TFEWR to report salvage costs. Demand was light for ample supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were ample for the current light demand. Schedules continued to vary. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	5.5-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

#### COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.50	61.00	39.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	37.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	64.50	38.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	66.01	61.72	37.28

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for the mostly light and selective buyer interest; with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was light. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was about steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-26 MAJORITY 22-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 29-Jul-06 (PRELIMINARY)

##### U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,040	1,487	2,527
Last Week	1,083	1,460	2,543
Same week yr ago	1,258	1,671	2,929
To-date/2006	33,927	43,989	77,916
To-date/2005	45,837	41,941	87,778

##### U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	123	0	123
Last Week	97	0	97
Same week yr ago	78	0	78
To-date/2006	5,444	23	5,467
To-date/2005	8,002	33	8,035

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

##### Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,163	1,487	2,650
Last Week	1,180	1,460	2,640
Same week yr ago	1,336	1,671	3,007
To-date/2006	39,371	44,012	83,383
To-date/2005	53,839	41,974	95,813

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	156	387	5,804	10,153
Frozen	0	21	172	42
Dried	18	70	325	393
Total	174	478	6,301	10,588

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	128	77	1,820	4,270
Frozen	5	40	714	464
Dried	0	0	66	346
Total	133	117	2,600	5,080

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 22, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	100
Extra Large	1,200	4,100	46,731	136,802
Large	5,490	5,810	93,361	253,146
Medium	1,980	2,580	50,262	70,610
Ungraded	2,880	0	79,004	61,984
Misc	150	0	5,267	7,753
Total	11,700	12,490	274,775	530,395

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)  
(IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	07/31/06	3,251	112,571	59,928
AM	07/01/06	3,019	105,590	67,467
CHG		232	6981	-7539
PCT CHG		8%	7%	-11%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-JUL-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	194.6	-2	-9
East North Central	616.4	-5	5
West North Central	286.9	-4	8
South Atlantic	180.5	0	-3
South Central	54.4	-19	-8
West	179.7	-2	-10
Total	1512.5	-4	0
Matched Plants reporting		83	83

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Jul-2006**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	28.1	27.5	2	31
Boston	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chicago	56.3	61.5	-8	-10
Detroit	14.9	15.8	-6	-27
Kansas City	4.4	4.8	-8	47
Los Angeles	102.3	112.0	-9	-14
New Orleans	5.4	5.9	-8	-23
New York	27.2	27.5	-1	6
St. Louis	16.3	21.0	-22	20
San Francisco	17.5	16.2	8	-9
Total	276.0	295.8	-7	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	288.5			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

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Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	116	108	68	50
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	107-111	99-103	61-65	43-47
	109-110	101-102	63-64	45-46
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	115-119	107-111	67-71	49-53
	115	107	67	49
VERMONT MOSTLY	116	108-110	68-75	-
	-	108	68	-

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